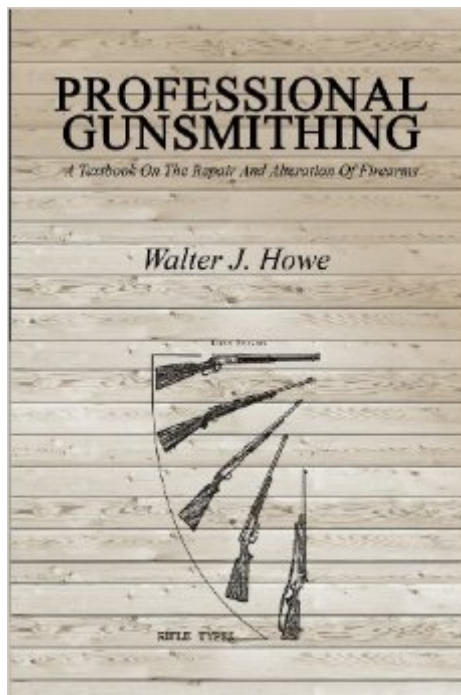


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Professional Gunsmithing: A Textbook On The Repair And Alteration Of Firearms. With Detailed Notes And Suggestions Relative To The Equipment And Operation Of A Commercial Gunshop. Howe's book is intended as an inspirational source as well as a technical guide to the student who is anxious to study gunsmithing but has been led to believe it is a craft that can only be mastered by old world teaching methods. Howe's work remains a valuable teaching tool to this day. Profusely illustrated with over one hundred drawings and illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

First, let me say that, when I ordered this book, I knew it was copy of the 1946 edition. Please understand that if you order a copy. I ordered it to preserve my original 1946 first edition. However, the material is still valuable today and should be on the bookshelf of any aspiring gunsmith. The original deserves five stars. My problem is with the BNPublishing edition. Even though they claim a 2013 copyright date, the only new material is the cover artwork. Not only that, the actual original contents are incomplete. BNPublishing has chosen to leave out all the unpaginated (and valuable) figures and illustrations, as well as the last six pages of the index. And in producing the facsimile, while enlarging the page size, they have reduced the text size to 96% of the original. Small, but noticeable. My biggest complaint is the use of GLOSS black ink on bright white paper. It makes the book difficult to read under anything but the best lighting conditions. I would recommend finding a good used copy of the original before buying this edition.

While this book is obviously around 50 years old (he mentions that "the war" will probably have a negative impact on Germany's gun industry), some information is simply timeless. In these days of CNC and computer-driven milling, this book still contains a wealth of invaluable information. Sometimes there are issues that you just can't fix with your \$20,000 lathe, and this book can help explain many of them away. This book has already paid for itself 5 times over in my gunsmithing business, as it's helped me resolve several issues that some of the "new age" smiths in town were clueless about. By the time the customers came to me, they thought their gun was trashed... this book helped save their weapons, and made me some cash in the process! I have no issues giving it 5 stars.

I think this book is a great reference text. This book should be on the beginner's as well as the pro's book shopping list. It shows you how to make some useful gunsmith tools, vise jaws, and how to use old Atlas lathes and Mills from the 40's. The book does not go into great detail on lathe or mill use but there are pictures to help guide you. You should have prior machine shop training on lathes and mills. Great book! I am glad I spent the money on it, even though the copyright is 1946 the information is timeless. K.D.

This text is full of useful information that addresses about anything you can think of when it comes to gun maintenance and repair. This along with gunsmithing books 1-4, make a complete gunsmith's library.

This book is very good to start with for a basic understanding of gunsmithing. It is a bit dated, however, the skills presented (and consequently required if undertaking working on firearms) are timeless whereas only the technology and tools have changed. (Without the basic skills, and knowledge of operations all the technology in the world is worthless.) Because of the age of publication, modern firearms are not discussed, but again, the basics of operation are discussed in depth and anyone with basic mechanical aptitude will find this book interesting even if they do not understand all of the details. I recommend this for anyone who loves firearms and is interested in learning their basic function and design of operation.

This is an excellent book on the how-to's of gunsmithing. It is out of date as far as numbers quoted but is an excellent reference on how to do many of the things a gunsmith will have to do in business.

This book is full of useful info even for veteran smiths. It is focused more on operating the business and being a professional in the industry. Not really for the folks that like to tinker on their weapons for fun. I highly recommend you pick up a copy if you do this for a living.

first published in the 1940's, it is a critical reference for those like myself who work on antique guns. There are lots of formulas for processes using horribly dangerous chemicals, but it is authentic.

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